

August 2017

What Is A Denomination?

Jim Bill McInteer

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/mcinteer-sermons-topic>

Recommended Citation

McInteer, J. (2017). What Is A Denomination?. Retrieved from <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/mcinteer-sermons-topic/106>

This Sermon is brought to you for free and open access by the Jim Bill McInteer Archive at Scholar Works at Harding. It has been accepted for inclusion in Jim Bill McInteer Sermon Outlines by Topic by an authorized administrator of Scholar Works at Harding. For more information, please contact scholarworks@harding.edu.



HARDING
UNIVERSITY

WHAT IS A DENOMINATION?

I. We face a dual task:

A. What is a denomination?

1. Can't think of a word that more universally raised ire a few years ago more than this one.
 - a) Lynn Anderson's, "We are a big, sick denomination," will go with him to his grave.
 - b) Average preacher "What denomination do you preach for?" will automatically alter his answer.
2. I believe I can define what one is but how to avoid fostering that spirit and giving vent to its legitimacy is hard.

B. So we will define it and give reasons to oppose such. *and avoid so being*

II. What is denominationalism?

A. Dictionary

1. "To give a specific name, call".

- a) We have selected almost exclusively "Church of Christ" and that is sad.
- b) 1906 Lipscomb's appeal to USA census and wrote of a people who follow the Bible and are known as churches of Christ or church of God.
- c) G. C. Brewer put the name of Jesus in it and most of our folk would not go it.

- d) Criticism today, "They don't put the name on the building"-- is that fair?
- e) Romans ^{2nd}, "Thou art inexpressible, O man" - *Judge - Practice*
2. "Designating a member that represents a unit of measure."
- a) It is not the whole.
- b) It is just a part, portion.
3. "A class or kind."
4. "A particular religious sect or body with a specific name, organization."
5. "Division into a denomination."
6. "Sponsored by or under control of a religious denomination, sectarian."
- B. Words then that shatter.
- Unity
1. Class, kind
 2. Religious sect
 3. Specific name
 4. Specific organization
 5. Division
 6. Control (Smith card) #1
 7. Sectarian
- C. There are ~~those~~ that like this--note Marty card #2

III. Men have fought hard to resist this.

- A. Walter Scott *Cards #3*
- B. Springfield Presby. *Bulletin #4*
- C. James Van Buren *#5*
- D. B. C. Goodpasture--"brotherhood won't object".
- E. Ross Dye *#6*

F. Don Haymes #17

G. Bryant Clift #8

IV. Reasons for OppositionA. It dethrones Christ and his word.

1. Don't care what Bible says, feeling in heart greater.
2. Enthrones traditions of men.

Gal. 5:1 *"For freedom did Christ set us free,*

3. Robs me of my liberties. *Stand fast.*

B. It divides*# be not entangled again in yoke of bondage*

1. Dahlan's work. #9
2. DeWolfe clippings. #10, #11

1 Cor. 1:10 *Be seced - speak same - no divisions*

John 17:20 "that they may be one"

Rom. 15:5 "Be likeminded one toward"

C. It deletes *- takes more than the Bible to*

1. Royester tract #12 *make a denom.*
2. We play to prejudices.

Matt. 7:21-23 "Not every one that saith"

Lu. 6:46 "Why call ye me, Lord"

D. It devises

1. Definition again. "It is devoted to denominational principles & interest. The emphasis of denominational difference to the point of being narrowly exclusive."
2. Invitation yellow sheet. #13
3. Disciple clip. #14

V. Can we be more fully committed to predenominational practices?

Church of Christ Professor #15

Crieve Hall - 3/16/97

Cloudy Days in Tomorrowland

Visions of our century without airplanes, without television or home computers, even without (gasp!) the Beatles

WE'D LIKE TO THINK ALL our predictions will prove right. But the highways of history are littered with wrong calls, false insights and bad guesses. Here's a sampler of 20th-century futurology that flopped:



I confess that in 1901, I said to my brother Orville that man would not fly for fifty years ... Ever since, I have distrusted myself and avoided all predictions.

WILBUR WRIGHT,
U.S. aviation pioneer, 1908

I must confess that my imagination ... refuses to see any sort of submarine doing anything but suffocating its crew and floundering at sea.

H. G. WELLS,
British novelist, 1901

Airplanes are interesting toys but of no military value.

Marshal FERDINAND FOCH, French military strategist and future World War I commander, 1911

The horse is here to stay, but the automobile is only a novelty—a fad.

A president of the Michigan Savings Bank advising HORACE RACKHAM (Henry Ford's lawyer) not to invest in the Ford Motor Co., 1908. Rackham ignored the advice, bought \$5,000 worth of stock and sold it several years later for \$12.5 million.

Believe me, Germany is unable to wage war.

Former British prime minister DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, Aug. 1, 1934

Everything that can be invented has been invented.

CHARLES H. DUELL, U.S. commissioner of patents, 1899

Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?

HARRY M. WARNER, Warner Brothers, 1927

There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in their home.

KENNETH OLSEN, president and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

Nobody now fears that a Japanese fleet could deal an unexpected blow on our Pacific possessions ... Radio makes surprise impossible.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS, former U.S. secretary of the navy, Oct. 16, 1922



What use could this company make of an electrical toy?

Western Union president WILLIAM ORTON, rejecting Alexander Graham Bell's offer to sell his struggling telephone company to Western Union for \$100,000

Computers in the future may ... perhaps only weigh 1.5 tons.

POPULAR MECHANICS, forecasting the development of computer technology, 1949

We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out.

DECCA RECORDS rejecting the Beatles, 1962

The election of Hoover ... should result in continued prosperity for 1929.

ROGER W. BABSON, American financial statistician and founder of the Babson Institute, Sept. 17, 1928

Radio has no future.

LORD KELVIN, Scottish mathematician and physicist, former president of the Royal Society, 1897

I have no political ambitions for myself or my children.

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, 1936

Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau.

IRVING FISHER, professor of economics, Yale University, Oct. 17, 1929



[Television] won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night.

DARRYL F. ZANUCK, head of 20th Century-Fox, 1946

[F]or the majority of people, the use of tobacco has a beneficial effect.

Dr. IAN G. MACDONALD, Los Angeles surgeon, quoted in NEWSWEEK, Nov. 15, 1983

[Man will never reach the moon] regardless of all future scientific advances.



Dr. LEE DE FOREST, inventor of the Audion tube and a father of radio, Feb. 25, 1967

1. Largest statue in world
2. Liberty Enlightening the World
3. Girl, torch, leap barricade
4. Jeanne Emile - poor dressmaker helps
Saw her at wedding
5. Beneath him - afraid to tell mother
6. Came to America w/ sketches - tossed
into sea
7. Tour of USA - B. Young 16 wives 49 kind
8. Egg shaped Bedloe island
9. Statue of Liberty - Lib is
sister of Justice & of mercy
mother of equality, Abundance
Peace
10. Statue is his mother's face
Wife model
11. 21 sections to Pt. 2 m shipping

12. 168 steps to torch at first

13. Size

305' to pedestal to
torch

Hand 16'

Index finger 8'

Fingernail 13" x 10"

Head 10' thick

Nose 4'

Mouth 3'

Rt arm 42'

Waist 35'

14. Inscription

August Bertholdi



Admirals
Club®

The candidate was beating the bushes for votes and stopped to talk to a farmer working in his garden.

“Here’s my card,” he said. “I’m running for the state legislature and I hope you’ll vote for me.”

“Vote for you?” the man shouted. “Why, I’d rather vote for the Devil himself.”

“Well,” the candidate said, “in case your friend decides not to run, I’d like for you to vote for me.”

Winston K. Pendleton; “Funny Stories, Jokes, and Anecdotes”

Bad ideas . . .



When Paderewski first chose the piano, he was told by his teacher that his hands were much too small to master the keyboard.

When Caruso first applied for instruction, the teacher told him his voice was like the “wind whistling through a window.”

When Benjamin Disraeli attempted to speak in Parliament for the first time, the member hissed him into silence and laughed when he said, “Though I sit down now, the time will come when you will hear me.”

When Marconi said the discoveries of German scientist Heinrich Hertz could be applied to a worldwide wireless communication system, he was told that his ideas were contrary to all the laws of physics.

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land,
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles, From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame,
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries
she

With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

The New Colossus"

Anna Lazarus

1st refused - then wrote
Put on Pedestal

#1

A screen at the back of the stage flashes the name "Neil Alden Armstrong," and you groan. Of course, that's who it was ! Nineteen-sixty-nine. Not so very long ago, really. But you had forgotten. Take heart: a recent survey revealed that most Americans couldn't remember the name of the first man on the moon. And they weren't on national TV.

Heroes last a very short time. Nonheroes are forgotten, too. Can you name the last five vice-presidents of the United States? And the funny, bearded sidekick of the cowboy star - that was ... ?

Jean Shaw
The Better Half of
over

--Jean Shaw

The Better Half of Life

pg. 15

Why do we work? It certainly makes play more appreciated! Basically, of course, we work to provide for our needs. Charles Kingsley's famous quotation points out other values: "Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know.

--Jean Shaw.

The Better Half of Life

pg.11

The Summit's emphasis is on kids--the future. The ^{A3} statistics are alarming. Every thirteen seconds a child somewhere in America is being abused. Every thirty seconds a child is born into poverty. Every fifty-nine seconds a child is born to a teen mother. Every five minutes a child is arrested for a violent crime. And every two hours a child is killed by gun fire. I hope this summit is going to serve as an awakening. You don't have to be a president to be a leader. You don't have to be a first lady to touch lives and lift somebody up. All you have to do is care and get off the sidelines and do something about teenage pregnancy or tutoring disadvantaged kids or just being a mentor to a kid who has lost his way. Give the kid a chance at the starting line.

YOUTH

-President George Bush
Harding University
April 24, 1997

(over)

Children really want order and expect rules.

Seventy-five percent of one group of teenagers stated that "obedience and respect for authority are the most important habits for children to learn." The Gilbert youth Research Company, an organization conducting regular survey on teenager's views, disclosed that more than half of 4,591 youngsters questioned in a coast-to-coast check felt that teenage delinquents are not being handled sternly enough. More than fifty per cent of them felt that their parents, schools, churches, and law-enforcement agencies coddled them too much.

Hazen G. Werner; The Bible and the Family (Abingdon Press)

Fears of man

#4

A mark of faith is to know the meaning of existence. Professor Paul Tillich reminds us that three fears have gripped mankind. Before the Christian era it was the Fear of Death. During the middle ages, the Fear of Guilt. Today, it is the Fear of Meaninglessness. The mad search for escape, for nirvana, for death itself, is the result. There is no joy, there is only fun. There is no peace, there is only aspirin. There is no hope, there is only alcohol or some other form of narcotic.

Eugene M. Frank

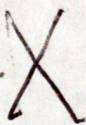
One Minute, Please

By Dr. TOM HAGGAI

#5

Do you ever hear the word “gumption” anymore? When I was growing up, it was a very common word, describing someone with courage.

A little lad all dressed up for a special party was walking along with his mother. He was romping around, hopscotching here and there. His mother warned, “Be careful. Calm down. Hold mother’s hand. You’re going to fall down and get all messed up.” The boy, hearing too much fuss, taunted his mother and romped on. Just as she started to grab him, he stumbled and fell on the muddy sidewalk.



Mother stopped, glared at him, and with both hands on her hips, she shouted, “Now what are you going to do?” With childlike composure and nonchalance, he answered, “I’m going to get up!” With pride a grandfather would say, “My little grandson has gumption.” That meant he had “get up and go.”

Our times demand that we reawaken our gumption.

CHILD TRAINING

Everyone who touches the life of a child contributes in some way to the person who comes. The quality of our society does not emerge accidentally. We create it. The measure it lies in the children who will be the next adult generation.

Alice V. Keliher; *Childhood*

Children really want order and experience. Seventy-five percent of one group of teenagers stated that "obedience and respect for authority are the most important things for children to learn." The Gilbert Young Research Company, an organization conducting a regular survey on teenager's views, reported that more than half of 4,591 youngsters questioned in a coast-to-coast check felt that teenage delinquents are not being handled enough. More than fifty per cent of them felt that their parents, schools, churches, and law enforcement agencies coddled them too much.

Hazen G. Werner; *The Bible and the Family* (Abingdon)

into a triangle by reducing at least 40 percent of the unnecessary duplication and waste that's in the system. (Applause.)
Finally, there's one other area I want to mention that is probably a little controversial, but maybe, particularly today with my Dad passing away, you'll appreciate why I feel so strongly to bring it up. And I want to bring it up in the broadest possible way.

This country will never again be healthy if we don't have the courage to confront the spiritual and cultural and moral deficit that is an even greater threat to our future than the economic deficit. (Applause.)

I was very struck when I taught the course that became so famous or infamous, depending on your view, that we used a prayer that Franklin Roosevelt led the country in on D-Day 1944 when so many of our young men and women were at risk. And listening to that prayer in the course, I was startled by the idea of how open and how caring and how submissive to the will of God it was, and how hard it is to imagine that prayer today.

I went down Sunday morning with a very close friend who had spent seven years in a Vietnam prison camp, and we read again Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, short enough that it is actually engraved in stone in the Lincoln Memorial. In that very short address, Lincoln references God's will 12 times. I commend it to all of you.

In the core document of our freedoms, the Declaration of Independence, it says unequivocally, we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights. And I think we have an obligation to reassert in a calm, open way, involving all people of all backgrounds, each approaching God in their own unique way, that this nation comes from God, that it is in fact only successful when it is submissive to God's will, that while all of us are sinners and all of us fall short, that does not excuse any of us forgetting where our powers and our responsibilities come; and somehow reestablishing in the public square that it is legitimate, in fact, it is vital that we recognize the degree to which, in the broadest sense, if America does not get its rights from our Creator, there is no explanation of America and there is no way of thinking of the future.

I'm not suggesting here in any way a state religion. I'm not suggesting here in any way a theocracy. But I am suggesting to you that if you read Lincoln and you read the Founding Fathers and you read as recently as FDR, and then you look at our modern 30-second attack commercials and you look at the decay of our society that maybe we lost a great deal when we became too timid to talk openly about the source of the American dream and the source of our rights, and that we have an obligation to reestablish them.

REP. : Hear! Hear! Hear! Hear! Hear! Hear! (Applause.)

SPEAKER GINGRICH: Thank you very, very much. (Applause continues.)

END

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

LOAD-DATE: November 21, 1996

Model of citizenship

Citizenship to growing children comes to mean pretty much what the community shows it means. The best way to teach young people the meaning of our democratic freedom is to demonstrate by our own example that we have mastered "the three R's" of citizenship—rights, respect, and responsibilities.

Earl James McGrath